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PENSION SCHEME FOR EMPLOYEES OF NLC
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Apex Court has given any direction to the Neyveli Lignite Corporation (NLC) to introduce a suitable pension scheme for its employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to cover the employees of the NLC under any pension scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government is contemplating to grant ad-hoc payment to retired employees till pending formulation and implementation of pension scheme;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

g) the steps taken or likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) & (b) The Apex Court gave direction to NLC to adopt Employees Pension Scheme (EPS), 1995, which was implemented for all eligible members.

(c) & (d) NLC Employees have already been covered under the EPS 1995 scheme.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply to part (c) and (d) above.

(f) & (g) The EPS, 1995 Scheme is under implementation including in respect of employees already retired if they fulfill the criteria laid down under the Scheme.